

M: 13-30

1887

Burdette Hotel
(Boyds Hotel, High View)
21010 Clarksburg Road
Boyds

The Burdette Hotel is one of the best extant examples of Victorian 'summer resort' architecture in the County, the hotel reflects the historical development of Boyds as a summer resort during the late 19th century.

The building is a large Queen Anne style frame house featuring a central projecting, three-story pavilion flanked on the east side by two porches with a two-story porch on the west side and a two-story square bay window on the north. The house also features a mansard roof with diamond and square shaped slate tiles.

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: "High View"
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 13/30 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
I-11
4. Address: 21010 Clarksburg Road, Boyds
5. Classification Summary
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|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>1976 Inventory of</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u> | | <u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>private residence</u> | | |
6. Date: 1887 7. Original Owner: Somerset T. Williams
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This frame Queen Anne style house is five bays by five bays and three stories high. It sits on a hill facing east. The house has green novelty siding. There is a central projecting three story pavilion on the east and west elevations. The pavilion is flanked on the east side by porches. There is a two story porch on the west elevation. There are approximately 72 two-over-two double-hung windows. There is a two story square bay window with a flat roof on the north elevation. At the northeast corner of the same elevation there is a two story two sided bay window. The house has a mansard roof with diamond and square shaped slate tiles.
10. Significance: This elegant house, sitting on a knoll overlooking Ten Mile Creek Valley, is representative of the resort era of the Boyds area's history.
- This area of Burdette and Ten Mile Creek Valley supported several hotels, built in response to the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad in 1873. This one is the grandest remaining, and was built by Somerset T. Williams in 1887. Williams called it "High View", but it is known locally as Boyds Hotel.
- The hotels attracted families fleeing the hot city during the summer as well as salesmen making their rounds to the small grocery stores nearby. Salesmen would travel by train to Boyd's Station, rent a horse, and stay at the hotel while visiting the small grocery stores in the area. Vacationers relaxed, read and walked.
- The area's resort business peaked between 1910 and 1915; tourists stopped coming by 1930. The property was sold to Albin Meier in 1943, and to the present owners in 1973.
11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman-10/79 Candy Peed
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage: 9.20 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

"High View" or Somerset Williams Hotel , Burdette Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Boyds Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21010 Clarksburg Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

☒ VICINITY OF Burdette

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME George I. Coats

Frances O., Michael J., & Nancy J. Barrett Telephone: 972-0073

STREET & NUMBER

21010 Clarksburg Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: 4739

Folio #: 388

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame Queen Anne style house is five bays by five bays, three stories high, and faces east on Route 121.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has light green novelty siding. On the east and west elevations there is a central projecting three story pavilion. Flanking this pavilion on the northeast and southeast corners of the east elevation are two porches. Both porches have flat roofs. The northeast porch roof is supported by two square posts and the southeast porch roof is supported by five square posts. The southeast porch is enclosed by jigsawed paling. A flight of seven wooden steps lead up to both porches. A double glass and wooden paneled door leads into the house from the northeast porch. It is surmounted by a single light transom. the southeast door is wooden paneled. On the west (rear) elevation there is a two story porch. Four square posts support the porch at the first and second levels. The first level is open and the second level is enclosed by jigsawed palings.

There are approximately seventy-two two-over-two double-hung window. Windows set into the mansard roof have decorative wooden lintels. On the north elevation there is a two story square bay window with a flat roof. At the northeast corner of the same elevation there is a two story two-sided angle bay window.

The mansard roof has diamond and square shaped slate tiles. There is a gable roof on an east-west axis at the south elevation. This is covered by asbestos shingles. There is a heavy cornice line below the mansard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Somerset T. Williams

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant house is representative of the resort era near Boyd's Station, founded in response to the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O. It sits on a knoll overlooking Ten Mile Creek Valley.

Somerset T. Williams had owned a farm in Cedar Heights, about six miles west of this site. In 1887 he bought slightly over nine acres of unimproved land in Burdette from Deborah and Basil Burdette for \$460,¹ and built a hotel.

This area of Burdette and Ten Mile Creek Valley supported several hotels after the railroad opened in 1873. This one is the grandest remaining. Williams called it "High View",² but it is known locally as "Boyd's Hotel". It served salesmen who traveled by train to Boyd's Station, rented a horse, stayed at a local hotel, and made their rounds to the small grocery stores nearby.³

It also attracted families fleeing the hot city during the summer for the cool countryside of Burdette. The Chautauqua at Washington Grove provided entertainment and was accessible by rail.⁴ But mostly these vacationers relaxed, read and walked. The area's resort business peaked between 1910 and 1915; tourists stopped coming by 1930.⁵

Somerset Williams was a self-sufficient person. He grew his own tobacco, smoked it and chewed it. He made wine from the extensive grape arbor and had a large vegetable garden.⁶

May Lysight grew up in the Williams home as their daughter, although the Williams had no children of their own. She married Earl B. Wood, a Montgomery County school superintendent from 1906-1914.

In 1932 Somerset Williams deeded High View to May Lysight Wood, together with all household goods and personal property reserving a life estate for himself.⁷

Mrs. Wood conveyed the property to her daughter,⁸ May Louise Wood, who deeded the property to Albin and Lena P. Meier of Washington, D.C. the following year.⁹ The Meiers lived there for many years, and Mrs. Meier sold it to the present owners in 1973.

FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet A

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Portrait and Biographical Record, 6th Congressional District (1898).

Interviews: (1979) Mrs. Georgia Lawson, Ten Mile Creek Road, Boyds; Charles and Ethel Reid Linthicum, Old Baltimore Road, Boyds; Mrs. Madeleine Nicholls, Asbury Methodist Home, Gaithersburg, Md.; Harold Reffet, Barnesville Road, Boyds, Md., who was born and raised near High View (Interview, February, 1980).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.20 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

"High View"

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 9/30 (December 20, 1887).
2. Sentinel, May 26, 1899.
3. Interview, Charles Linthicum, born near Burdette, 1886 (1979).
4. Interview, Georgia Lawson, Ten Mile Creek Road (1979).
5. Interview, Mrs. Madeline Thompson Nicholls, Asbury Methodist Home, Gaithersburg, Md. (1979). Her mother owned a resort just north of High View.
6. Interview: Harold Reffet, Barnesville Road, Boyds, Md., who was born and raised near High View.
7. Land Records, op. cit., 534/301 (March 22, 1932).
8. Ibid., 873/206 (January 5, 1942).
9. Ibid., 900/199 (January 20, 1943).

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a dormered Mansard roof. The facade is three bays with double central doors; both one story and two story bay windows project irregularly. The window heads have flat architraves. Across the front is a shed-roofed porch while the side porch has a jigsaw worked railing.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to old-time residents of the area, this was a summer hotel during the Victorian RR Era. This was a Post Office/Village called Burdette.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE 30 Apr 74
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

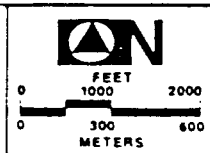
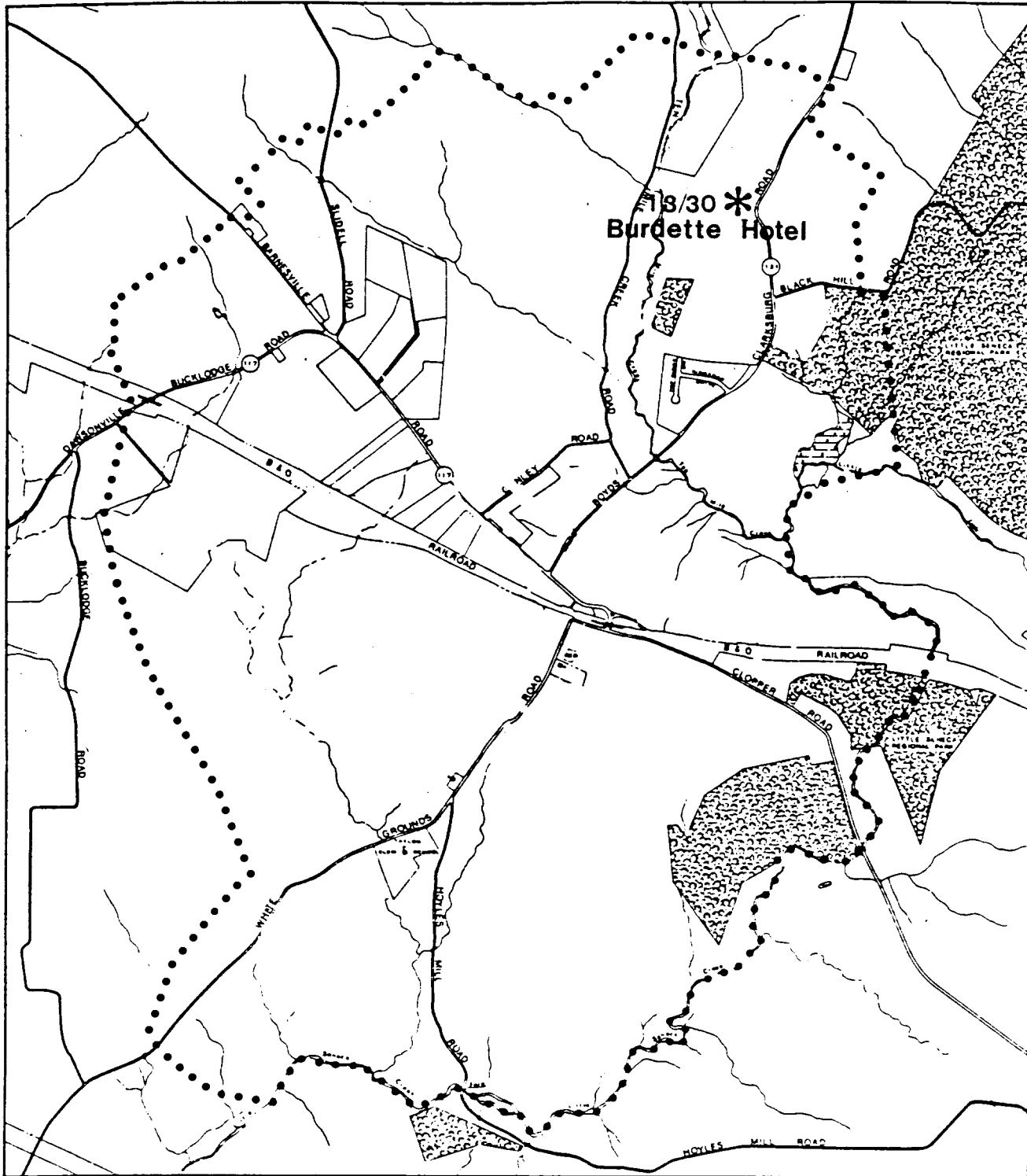
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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NAME BURDETTE ~~██████~~ HOTEL

M: #13-30

LOCATION Rt. 121 BURDETTE (BOYDS) Md

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